

## MUSIC SHOPS SHOW WAY TO HAPPYLAND

Doing Full Share to Provide Mirth and Melody for Holiday Cheer.

The road to Happyland for Christmas is the road to music.

Home and Music! They are the keynote in the music shops of Washington these last few days before Santa Claus brings you mirth and melody to brighten the holidays.

Christmas Eve Caroling is to fill the streets this Christmas Eve. At Droop's the Victor record of John McCormack was singing the "Adeste Fideles," with a full-voiced male chorus, to greet the stroller who was in search of gifts for "somebody." Though Droop's is finding a big call for the mandolin, the ukulele, in fact all the club instruments that put music into the home circle.

By airship and by train, music is rolling into Ansell, Bishop & Turner's. If you'll believe their very fantastic window display story that is delighting the kiddies. Those Victor toys, Sambo and his friends, set all the little ones a-dancing. "Self-Service," is their motto. The many booths are giving every one a chance to try out the records for themselves.

"Home," is the chimney-corner in Jordan's window. We hear the song, "Just a Little Bit of Heaven," it finds its copy in "Just a Little Bit of Home," that you may have, if you put the right kind of happiness into it. And where there is music there is brightness in the home.

So, look "all around the town" and with Santa Claus you'll find cheer and music from the small boy's real bugle, to sister's new grand piano. Follow the trail of the Columbia! It will lead you to Grove's and to J. Edgar Robinson's to Worth's, too. Walk along Seventh street and go in Lansburg's Columbia gallery, or Hecht's, or House & Hermann's or further up to Phillips'. Or to your nearest shop, to Thompson Brothers, or Hunter's or Tony Durso in the northeast.

Woodward & Lothrop—the "Boston House"—offers spacious quarters for its new Victor department, and so does Van Winkle. Or just around the corner from Moore's Rialto you can find piano-players to your liking at McHugh and Lawson's on G street.

For Christmas morn, who would not like to awake and hear the Christmas Chimes ring out in the pure tuneful beauty of the finest playing that can be captured and put into records, piano rolls, or the very chimes themselves? Start "right" with your day. Bring cheer into the birthday of the Holy Child by celebrating with the Christmas Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" or with "Joy to the World."

## AMONG MUSICIANS

PETWORTH M. E. CHOR.

Sunday evening, December 19, the Petworth choir, under the direction of Dwight S. Church, will sing Handel's "Messiah" at the Petworth Methodist Episcopal Church, Grant Circle and New Hampshire avenue, at 8 o'clock.

Frederic Martin, of New York, will be the bass soloist. Mr. Martin, who is nationally known, has appeared in Washington on other occasions and is recognized as one of the foremost exponents of this great bass role in oratorio. Mrs. Paul Russell, soprano; Miss Mildred De Hart, contralto, and Clarence P. Lewis, tenor, all members of the Petworth quartet, will be the other soloists. Mrs. John M. Sylvester will officiate at the organ.

Petworth choir gives "The Messiah" annually the first Sunday evening preceding Christmas. It is composed of fifty trained voices and is the regular service choir of the church. While works like "The Messiah" have usually been left in this country for the large choral societies to perform, it is still possible for a smaller group who have ambition and ability to sing this music to render it adequately. At the first performance of "The Messiah," conducted by Handel in person, it must be remembered that the chorus led by him consisted of not over sixty voices.

Cards of admission will not be necessary Sunday night. The auditorium will be opened at 7:15. This oratorio is the second of a series of artists' concerts and oratorio to be given this season by Petworth choir.

PUBLIC ORGAN RECITAL.

The twenty-third public organ recital will be given at Central High School on Tuesday, December 21, at 8:15 p. m. The program of "Christmas music" will be given by Edith H. Atkey, civic organist; Herman Fakler, baritone; and Claude Robeson, accompanist, and a string trio arranged by Ernest Lenti.

All music lovers are cordially invited.

CHRISTMAS EVE HIGH MASS.

At midnight of Christmas Eve a solemn high mass will be sung at the Church of the Holy Comforter. The music for the mass will be given by an augmented choir and orchestra under the direction of Miss Eva M. Talbert, with William Waidecker at the organ. "The Messe solennelle" (St. Cecilia) by Gounod will be sung, and the solos will be sustained by Miss Frances Scherger, soprano; Miss Ethel Williams, contralto; T. J. Quinn, tenor; Herman Fakler, baritone; and Arthur Gardiner, bass. The proper of the mass and the usual Christmas hymns will also be sung.

MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATIONAL.

Special Christmas music will be rendered at both services at the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church today. At four o'clock the Mt. Pleasant chorus under the direction of Norton M. Little assisted by the solo quartet composed of Miss Frances Scherger, soprano, Miss Eleanor Kittredge, contralto, T. J.

CARUSO, in his latest triumph at the Metropolitan Opera, as Eleazar in Halevy's "La Juive." With the world anxious as to the outcome of the recent illness of the great Caruso, it is particularly significant that this season's opening performance at the Metropolitan hailed him, in this revival, as having reached the summit of his career. "Monday night he gave all he had to the role—brain, craft, personality, as well as voice. It was an unforgettable portrait, worthy of place with those dramatic impersonations which in the past have been associated with baritones more frequently than with their tenor confreres. Maurel, Renaud or Scotti might justly have been acclaimed for its craftsmanship." The praise was from Oscar Thompson in Musical America.



Quinn, tenor, and Herman Fakler, base with Mr. Robeson at the organ will sing American, Russian and French carols for an hour previous to the Vesper Service.

At the Vesper Service Mrs. Florence

Steffins Scott, who was a popular soloist in this church for several years, will sing. The music for the morning service will also be given by the chorus.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Mrs. Leonora Elbert Reed, for ten years contralto soloist at Calvary Baptist Church, of this city, has been selected as the soloist of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, to fill the position left vacant through the resignation of Mrs. Flora McGill Keefer.

"HOUR OF MUSIC" AT HOTEL.

At the regular "Hour of Music" next Sunday at 3:30 at the Hotel Hadleigh, the soloist will be Oliver H. Mellum of Chicago, baritone. Mr. Mellum has been in New York filling concert engagements and will remain in Washington only long enough for this recital. He was one of the very successful debut opera artists with the Washington Opera Company during war-time. There will be the usual solos on the Ampico piano.

## MUSIC MAKES LIFE ON FARM MORE ATTRACTIVE

Many Rural Schools Using Piano and Phonograph.

The fact that so many young men and women are leaving the country for the city is causing much anxiety. The remedy is said to be, "Make country life more attractive." Through music, as through no other medium, it is possible to bring contentment and happiness. It should be made possible for the children in rural schools (and, perhaps, for adults in rural communities also) to receive class instruction on orchestral and band instruments.

"I have in mind a rural school in Pennsylvania where this plan is being followed," said the State superintendent of music for Pennsylvania. "A competent man is employed to teach instrumental music. He gives both class and individual instruction. The school has three orchestras, of which the first and most proficient is the smallest. It comprises eight members. The second consists of fourteen players. On special occasions these pupils are coached to unite with the first orchestra. The third is the beginner's orchestra. It is elementary in character. It numbers from six to twelve players. The school also has a mandolin club of nine members."

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Mr. Scotti believes firmly in the American voice and is doing much for American music through his company of young American singers with which he has toured the South, giving opera in many cities. He says, "One is continually impressed with the great advance America is making along all musical lines."

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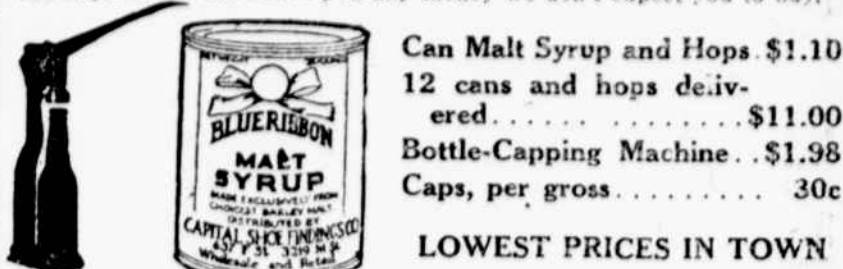
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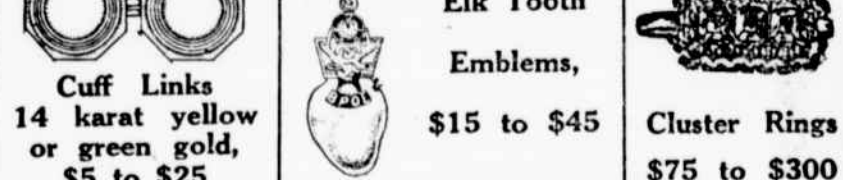
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